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MSU Extension would get extra funding because of Van Woerkom

LANSING — Michigan's agricultural extension program would get extra money because of the work of Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

As the state Senate was debating a bill that would fund Michigan's public universities, Van Woerkom amended the legislation to increase the funding of Michigan State University's Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service by an additional 2 percent. The increase means more than \$1.2 million for the combined programs.

"These programs have gone several years without an increase in funding," said Van Woerkom "Extension services and the experiment station provide a lot of valuable research to farmers and rural communities and it is time to help them."

MSU Extension offices are located in all of Michigan's 83 counties and provide the state with agricultural, economic development, and family and youth programs.

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